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CHANGE OCCURS IN LOCAL PROBLEM AT WHITE HOUSE

President Considering Creed M. Fulton and Gen. Johnston for Commissioner.

POLITICS NOT REGARDED AS FACTOR IN THE RACE

Appointments of Four Municipal Court Judges Announced.

SAMUEL C. MILLS OMITTED

No Nomination Made to Police Court Bench-Business of Municipal Court Delayed, But

One Judge on Duty.

There has been another interesting switch in the District tation turn into snow the fall will be Commissioner problem at the White House, and the race for second Commissioner is today between Creed M. Fulton and Gen. John A. Johnston. E. H. Thomas, front in jumps. The friends of dorsements.

It has become known that the President did not consider Gen. Johnston's name at the time he selected Cuno H. Rudolph because he believed that Gen. Johnston would not accept the position. Gen. Johnston might not be averse to accepting, and this has induced the those under consideration.

As between Johnston and Fulton there will be a pretty fight. The President has said that he does not care about the will not adhere to the time-honored custom of appointing a democrat and a republican if it interferes with his getting two good men. He is after quality rather the politics of Gen. Johnston. He has been informed that Mr. Fulton is It is generally understood that Gen. Johnston is a republican, although he has given little consideration to politics while in the army or since.

Former Army Officer.

Gen. Johnston resigned from the army about twelve years ago and has ilved in Washington ever since, having no voting residence elsewhere. Mr. Fulton is from Virginia, but has not maintained a voting residence there, it is stated. Gen. his appointment has been urged on the ground that the salary would not be of consequence to him and that he would devote his time to District affairs from motives of public welfare. Mr. Fulton is also said to be a man of means and able to maintain a position of rank with

The President takes good naturedly the sharp fight that has been going on and nnds amusement in the fact that about the time he makes up his mind to appoint a man the knockers get busy and put that man out of business, bringing forward some one else. He evidently feels that he has no way of finding out about a man except through the work of

Municipal Judges Reappointed.

The President today settled the fight over the municipal justices by sending to the Senate the names of Charles S. Bundy, Thomas H. Callan, Luke C. Strider and R. H. Terrell for reappointment, dropping Justice Samuel W. Mills from the list. The nomination of a police

It is hoped that the nominations will be promptly confirmed, so that the municipal courts may resume business. The term of Justice Aukam does not expire until November 11 of this year. House as to why Justice Mills has been dropped and the other four judges reapreappointment of only four of the five

Accumulation of Cases.

should now be five, the cases were piling general. up fast, notwith tanding the fact that the court, exclusive of landlord and tenant litigation, and of these Judge Aukam There were about thirty cases today, and ing will be about 25 degrees. small proportion of them.

Fifteen Thousand Cases Filed.

Judge Aukam has kept up with the drifting ice in the river and today it is wires is reported. landlord and tenant cases. About fif- as hard if not harder than at any time teen thousand of these suits have been during the freeze. filed with the court in the ten months | The steamer Anne Arundel from Baltithat it has been doing business. This more was able to come up the river last a day are filed. While the great ma- Washington she ran into gorged ice and jority are not contested, some of them are, and they prove often the most stubborn cases to dispose of.

of the persons involved in the debt and she reached this city about 6 a.m. cases now before the court were willing to let them be continued. Many of the year.

Horses Unable to Travel on Slippery Pavement and Traffic Is Suspended.

VEHICLES ARE ABANDONED ON EVERY THOROUGHFARE

Twenty-Four Hours Ahead of Sleet. Snow or Rain.

HARBOR IS ALMOST TIED UP

Crest of Cold Wave Over Philadelphia-Misery in New York Due to Freezing Temperature. Southwest Finds Relief.

The fall of sleet, rain or snow will continue at least twenty-four hours. It will result in most disagreeable condi-

At 2 o'clock today the temperature was 18 above zero. Should the precipi-E. B. GARRIOTT. Forecaster, Weather Bureau.

A fall of frozen mist, advance guard of the predicted heavy snowstorm, came in from the west about 11 o'clock this

Since midnight threatening conditions whose appointment was almost had prevailed. Dark storm clouds passed decided upon a few days ago, has rapidly across the skies, propelled by a been eliminated, and Fulton and brisk and biting northeast wind. Smoke Johnston have been coming to the from stack and chimney hung heavily

The frozen particles felling this after-Mr. Fulton have been especially noon were like those which preceded the active and have sent to the White disastrous "flareback" of March 4. They House some unusually strong in- accumulated upon the pavements and roadways, giving them an icy covering, and making pedestrianism difficult and causing many horses to fall.

Horses Led to Stables.

Humane drivers unhitched, leaving their vehicles on the street, while the horses were led to their stables. At noon today there were many abondoned and horseless carriages, carts and wagons President to replace him in the list of stretched along Pennsylvania avenue from the Capitol to the War, State and Navy Department building.

Even horses whose shoes were sharp were unable to negotiate the slippery concrete. To get back to their stables it was necessary in numerous instances to wrap from exposure. One woman may die. hoofs in jute or canvas sacks. At one dead on the street today. He had died this afternoon there were seven from exposure. horses down on the concrete along Pennsylvania avenue between 9th and 11th a hospital in a dying condition.

A common picture was men and boys shoving or pulling deserted vehicles, some of them heavily laden, to the establishments of their owners. Market wagons loaded with meats, fish and vegetables were left in the middle of the roadway while the drivers struggled to get the unharnessed horses under cover.

Abandoned Vehicles Everywhere.

An ash wagon, loaded to the brim. Johnston is a man of large wealth and that was sliding along the rails. The of the state. horse, after falling, had been taken from ging the wagon across the Avenue to 10th Delivery wagons were stalled all about town. Carts loaded with coal were for-

saken at different points. Traffic on tically to the street cars and automobiles. Gum shoes were in active demand and very warm weather, accompanied by raised umbrellas soon became glass incrusted. Street scenes reminded Washingtonians of the blizzard of March 4 in

Heeding the warning of the weather bureau many families laid in supplies of fuel and food yesterday, anticipating a recurrence of the tie-up features of the inauguration day blizzard. Suburbanites upon awaking and finding that the snowstorm had not arrived, carried their gum shoes to town in packages under the arm or in an overcoat pocket so as to be court judge was not made, that not hav- prepared for the worst upon their re-

Sixteen Degrees Record.

The minimum temperature in the Dis-No explanation is made at the White reached at 8 o'clock this morning, when trict for the past twenty-four hours was the weather bureau thermometers regpointed. It is unofficially stated, how- istered 16 degrees above zero. This was ever, that Judge Mills' age has been 4 degrees lower than at the same hour against him, and the law permitted the yesterday morning, when the minimum was recorded as 20 degrees.

Forecaster Garriott said today that the temperature fluctuations accompanying in twenty-four hours. The two gorges between Jefferson barracks and Chester, With only one judge on the bench of the general disturbance have been mark- lil., continue to increase. the Municipal Court, where there have ed and rapid, and that precipitation in heretolore been six, and, under the law, the form of rain, snow or sleet has been

Judge Aukam has been doing a great amount of work in an effort to keep the day as prevailing in the middle and lowed the stinging sleet storm of last night. A light rain, which froze as it Snowfalls were reported generally tobusiness of the court up to date. Yester- northern sections of the country, while night. A light rain, which froze as it day there were some forty cases before it has rained generally throughout the fell, this morning made walking difficult

was only able to try four, which were all mum temperature in the District of Cocontested. The rest had to go over lumbia tonight or early tomorrow morn-

Ice Hinders River Traffic.

The low temperature solidified the

means that an average of about sixty night without much trouble, but off Fort hung up. The tug William H. Yerkes, ir., armed with an ice plow, coming up the Because it is the holiday season many river early this morning, broke her loose,

today. the plaintiffs were out of town or are The steamer City of Milford, which busy with other matters, and the con- was to have left for the river landings, sequence is there have not been the was held in port on account of the ice. nent buildings were destroyed, entailing a protests because of postponements The Norfolk line boat arrived here pracwhich might arise at another time of tically on time. The big naval tugs and the army steamer, Gen. Robert Swart- not known.



DECISION REFUSE

THE REAL TEST.

wout, are making regular trips to Indian Head and Fort Washington. Snow and Misery in New York.

NEW YORK, January 5 .- New York, after one of the coldest nights of the winter, is enveloped in a snowstorm to-

The sufferings of the night, induced by a minimum temperature of 9 degrees above and a biting wind, were intense in the poorer quarters. The municipal odging house alone entertained nearly 500 persons, over a score of them women. One man and two women fell from the waiting line at the lodging house and had to be taken to hospitals, suffering Government Prosecutor Under a Another unidentified man fell uncon-

scious in the snow. He was taken to BATTLE

Cold Wave Grips Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, January 5.-Philadelphia today was in the grip of the coldest weather of the winter. The crest of the cold wave, which arfrom the west Monday night, passed this section during the night. A little warmer weather, with snow, is ex-

The weather bureau thermometer here registered a minimum temperature of 9 degrees above zero at 7 a.m., the lowest of the present season and equaling the coldest day of last winter. Zero weather came near being struck by an electric car is reported from the mountain districts

Following the warning sent out by the weather bureau yesterday all railroads and street car lines have prepared to meet conditions in the event of a heavy snowstorm. Snow from the last storm is still piled high in the city streets and along railroads. Another heavy fall is viewed with apprehension by the trans-Rivers and streams are frozen tight.

There is little danger of floods, unless heavy rains, sets in.

Warmer in Southwest.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., January 5 .- Railroad schedules throughout western Missouri, Kansas and most of Oklahoma were demoralized today.

Telegraph and telephone wires were laden with sleet. Many were out of com-Temperatures slowly began climbing upward today.

The mercury reached the lowest mark of the season at Topeka this morning, registering 3 degrees beow zero. In Kansas City it was zero. Southern Oklahoma reported 22 above zero. This is unusually cold weather for Ok-Vegetation there has been

Long Ice Gorge in Mississippi.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., January 5 .- Floating ice in the Mississippi river today added ten miles long. The gauge in the river stood at 21.6 feet this morning, a rise of six inches

Sleet Falls in Chicago.

CHICAGO, January 5 .- Delay to steam and impeded street traffic

Blizzard Passes Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., January 5 .- The blizzard which prevailed throughout the night abated early today, followed by considerably lower temperature. Considerable damage to telegraph and telephone

Omaha's Coldest Day.

OMAHA, Neb., January 5.-At 7 o'clock a.m. the mercury registered 10 degrees Omaha. Lincoln reported 14 below.

CONNEAUT LAKE, Pa., January 5. For the third time in as many years this summer resort was visited today by serious fire. A majority of the promiloss estimated at \$50,000. The origin is

Third Visit of Fire Fiend.

Madriz Personally Investigating Killing of Americans.

RESPONSIBILITY

WITH INSURGENTS Toro.

Cloud With Zelaya.

Gen. Vasquez Goes Forward to Meet Estrada's Army-Nicaragua Minister General Hits at United

States.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua. January 5 .-President Madriz today began a personal investigation of the executions of the Americans Groce and Cannon, with the object of placing the responsibility. Salomon Selva, who served as government prosecutor before the court-martial, will be found jointly responsible with Zelaya, it is expected. Admiral Kimball, in com- today by Inspector Beale and taken to mand of the United States naval force in Washington Corinto harbor, has declined a gift of six steers tendered by President Madriz for the American sailors' mess.

Congress has passed a bill providing for the issue of paper money to the amount of \$15,000,000, to replace the \$12,000,000 in notes now in circulation. Gen. Vasquez has left to assume command of the government forces at Acoyapa, where an engagement with the insurgent army now moving westward

may take place soon. Members of the local Red Cross branch have gone to Bluefields, where remain many of the prisoners taken by Gen.

Estrada in the battle of Rama. Fling at Americans.

Minister General Baca, speaking at

"Everything against which the revolu- replied: tionists rose the government of President have been a fugitive from justice for em-Madriz has corrected; they have no pre- bezzling \$1,400 from a post office substatext left for continuing the war, yet they tion. I am sick of being unable to look have not put down their arms.

"I regret that their course is receiving to the gorge which formed recently at encouragement in some quarters. Only Jefferson barracks. The gorge is now yesterday the inhabitants of Granada thorities groveled at the feet of minor officers of the United States, kissing the boots of mere coal passers.' Irias said he was leaving the country

in order that the Madriz administration Train Due January 1 at Salt Lake might be relieved of the suspicion of being under the influence of Zelaya's

Gunboat Goes for Olivares.

At the request of the State Department the gunboat Vicksburg sailed from Co- the desert, five miles from Caliente, Nev., rinto, Nicaragua, yesterday for Salina the track on both sides having been torn Cruz, Mexico, for the purpose of taking out by the flood of last week. The Jose de Olivares, United States consul at train is carrying in the neighborhood of fort will be made to devise ways and present Secretary of the Interior. Managua, back to his post of duty. Mr. Olivares has been on leave of absence ever since the outbreak of hostilities in Nicaragua, but for over a month past has been in this city in close consultation and used as fuel with which to make with the officials of the State Department steam for heating the cars. in regard to Nicaraguan affairs. He is now on his way to Managua to relieve ed train, a matter of three or four days, Vice Consul Caldera, who has been in the passengers will be taken to Barclay, charge of the affairs of this government where a train will be waiting to bring tain the belief that the Postmaster Genbelow zero, the lowest of the winter in at that capital throughout the revolutionary period. Mr. Olivares is thoroughly informed as to the views of the officers of the admin-

istration in regard to the situation in Nicaragua, present and prospective. Corea at State Department.

Former Minister Corea of Nicaragua, Assistant Secretary Wilson. The State been expended in medical treatment.

Department officials were non-committal, but it is said that nothing of importance resulted from Mr. Corea's

Mr. Corea is received unofficially and in the same capacity as the representa-tive of the Estrada faction, Mr. Cas-

A telegram from Vice Consul Caldera Mr. Castrillo is living in Managua, and has not been molested. Consul dera also states that the United States marine officers who recently visited Grenada were received there with great

Movements of Warships.

The gunboats Marietta and Tacoma have temporarily abandoned the patrol of the east coast of Nicaragua. The Tacoma arrived at Port Limon, Costa The Marietta has arrived at the latter port. It is said at the Navy Department that there is no special significance in the movements of these vessels and that they have no bearing on the reported movement of Estrada's revolutionary army against the port of Greytown, now in the possession of government forces.

HUSTON IS ARRESTED.

Former United States Treasurer Apprehended in Richmond Today.

RICHMOND, Va., January 5.-J. N. Huston, former United States treasurer, indicted for violation of the federal statutes in Washington, was arrested here

GIVES HIMSELF UP.

Royal Edwards Tired of Life as

Fugitive. SEATTLE, Wash., January 5 .- Saying

ie was sick and tired of being hounded by his guilty conscience, and of having the fear of arrest ever before him, Royal Edwards, aged twenty-one, confessed in a police court here yesterday that he was a fugitive from justice and was wanted by federal authorities for embezzling money order funds from the post office at Harrisburg, Pa. Impressed by the prisoner's appearance, the police judge was about to order his acquittal of a disturbance banquet given in honor of Gen. Irias on charge, when he asked Edwards if he the eve of his departure for Costa Rica, had ever been in trouble before. Looking the judge squarely in the eyes, Edwards

> to stand trial for the \$1,400 which He was turned over to the federal au-

MAROONED IN DESERT.

Detained by Storm.

150 passengers. Plenty of provisions are on hand, and there is no danger of suffering from jack of food

Ties are being torn from the tracks intentions may be.

fortable.

Sanity Restored; Money Gone. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., January 5 .-

who represents the Madriz interests at this capital, called at the State Department today and had a half hour's conference with Secretary Knox and conferenc

NOT AGAINST TAFT

House Members Amazed at Effect of Resolution Introduc-Published Plan to Whip Them Into Line.

WILL HOLD A MEETING JOINT COMMITTEE IS TO TO DISCUSS THE MATTER

to President.

'Cannot Be Swerved From Their Senator Jones and Representative Course by Official Sop," Declares

TO BE

General Hitchcock's Position.

Mr. Murdock-Postmaster

With amazement, in some cases bordering on anger, the insurgent republican members of the House read the published reports that they were to be singled out by the administration for punishment for their "rebellious conduct" as members of the majority party of the House.

denunciation of a policy which sought pendence of thought and action, as they expressed it. Not a few were loth to be lieve that President Taft would lend his aid to an effort to administer castigation to them for supporting the very principles and policies for which they claimed the party itself stood pledged.

Representative Madison of Kansas expressed a view of the matter to which several of his associates subscribed. He

"We insurgents, as we are called, are not against Taft or his policies. We are unanimously, I believe, in favor of every leading reform to which the President and the republican party are committed. at Managua states that the family of For instance, I am in favor of postal savings, conservation of natural resources, regulation of injunction, reform of federal court procedure, government regulation and control of industrial and carrying corporations, the publication of campaign funds and other reforms. Most of the other insurgents are for these same

Denounced as Slanderous.

be swerved from the course of supporting these reforms by the withholding of any official patronage by anybody, or be inkind. We are committed to the principles which I have enumerated, because we believe they are right and not be-cause the President or anybody else is for or against them.

"It is not the insurgents of the House, but men like Aldrich and Cannon whom the President will have to induce to support his 'policies.' The insurgents are for them already, and have been all the

Representative Norris of Nebraska added his approval of the above declaration, as did Representative Hayes of California, who said that his fight was solely against the rules of the House and its present organization. Upon the latter proposition, said Mr. Hayes, he was ready to go the full limit and fight to the finish. It was the independence of the representative in Congress which he

was contending for, he said. Senator Cummins said that he had experienced no difficulty with the Post Office Department or any other government department in regard to his patron-His recommendations had been asked for in Iowa appointments, and had been acted upon wherever he fur-

Insurgents to Hold Meeting.

A meeting of the insurgent republicans of the House will be held soon to discuss the situation. Representative Hayes stated this afternoon that no jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the meeting would be called by him before

"I think the boys had better have a them are pretty warm, you know." Mr. Hayes said that when he read

House he did not believe it. He considered the proposition so suicidal from that it was incredible. Mr. Hayes took hensive program of legislation occasion to deny the statements published today in which he was quoted as saying that he "could see Presidents Taft's finish if he persisted in uphoid-

of the House, who take the view that ent Secretary of the Interior and his conthe administration will err if it punishes duct of the office he holds. These charges republicans solely because they do not affiliate with the House organization. They insist that if the President metes SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, January 5.— out punishment by withholding federal patronage it should be done only in the cases of those who are openly hostile to should cause and his conduct in office, which, if true, show that he has most unworthly discharged his trust. A moment's thought and Los Angeles railroad, due here from his administration, such as Senators La Los Angeles January 1, is marooned in Follette of Wisconsin and Bristow of Kansas, who have attacked the administration through the columns of publications which they control.

At the meeting of the insurgents an efmeans to meet the situation. The indications are that a decision will be reached to take the case to the President, and uate of Williams College and a lawyer find out from him direct just what his

Many of the insurgents are inclined to the belief that so far as post office appointments are concerned, the policy withholding appointments is that of Postmaster General Hitchcock, and not that

Insurgents charge that the information has been conveyed to the White House that they are hostile to President Taft's legislative program, and that this may account for the attitude taken by Mr. Taft on the question of patronage. Speak-John Sudbrink, who has been insane since ing for the insurgents today, Representahe was injured two years ago while work- tive Miller of Minnesota said: "There

Weather

Snow or rain tonight and Thursday: rising temperature;

BALLINGER-PINCHOT CONTROVERSY TO BE SAY INSURGENTS SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

ed Today in Both Houses of Congress.

HAVE MATTER IN CHARGE

Likely to Take the Question Direct Action in the Case Is Deferred Until Tomorrow.

COERCED SPEECHES MADE IN SUPPORT

Humphrey, Respectively, Explain Necessity for Rigid In-

vestigation-Demand for

Light on Merits of

Disputation.

Investigation of the Department of the by the Vice President from the Senate and six to be selected by the Speaker called for in a resolution which was introduced in the Senate today by Senator

Jones of Washington. Pointing out that the matter was an important one and that the resolution was a long one that ought to receive careful consideration, Senator Lodge asked that the resolution be simply printed and lie on the table, to be taken up to-

morrow, And that course was adopted

Provisions of Resolution The resolution providing for a general and thorough investigation of the Interior Department and of the forestry bureau

"That a special committee of twelve members be appointed, six of whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate from the members of that body. and six of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the members of that body which committee is hereby empowered and directed to make a thorough and complete investigation of the administration and conduct of the Interior Department, its several bureaus, officers and employes, and of the bureau of forestry in the Agricultural Department, its officers and employes, touching or relating to the reclamation, conservation, manage ment and disposal of the public lands of the United States, or any lands held in trust by the United States for any purpose, including all the natural resources of such lands, and said committee is authorized and empowered to make any further investigation touching said department, its bureaus, officers or employes, and of said bureau of forestry, its officers

or employes, as it may deem desirable. May Sit During Recess.

"Said committee is hereby empowered to sit and act during the recess of Congress and during the session of either or both houses of Congress, to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers by subpoena, or otherwise, to swear such witnesses and take their testimony under oath, or in writing, to obtain documents, papers and other information from the several departments of the government, or any bureau thereof, to employ a stenographer to take and make a record of all evidence received by the committee, and to keep a record of its proceedings, and to employ such assistance, legal and otherwise, as may be deemed necessary. All the costs and expenses of said investigation shall be paid one-half from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives. "All hearings by said committee shall be open to the public. The committee shall report to Congress all the evidence taken, and their findings and conclusions

Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia to try and determine any such charges of contempt."

thereon. Any person refusing to obey the

process of said committee, or refusing to

answer any questions propounded by or

under the direction of said committee,

shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and

Lauds Secretary Ballinger. In urging the investigation Senator Jones lauded Secretary Ballinger, pointtoday the published accounts of what ing to the fact that his career up to the purported to be the administration's time he became Secretary of the Interior attitude toward the insurgents of the was above suspicion, and declaring that he had been the first of the conservathe standpoint of the administration tionists to set out a definite and compreconservation of natural resources.

"The press and magazines of the country for several months," he declared, after pointing to the high public service ing Cannon." He used no such language. which has characterized the history of the United States government. There are some conservative members been filled with charges against the presrange from petty insinuations and innuand misconduct in office, which, if true, should cause an honest and fair-minded man to hesitate to accept such charges against a man whose whole life heretofore has been one of the highest rectitude and against whom no dishonorable charge has ever been made in either priover fifty years of age, an honored gradof distinction. He came to our state in

1889 and has lived there ever since. Judge for Four Years. "He was a superior judge for four

years and mayor of the city of Seattle, of the President. However, some main- and his administration of that office has been a model for his successors. He acthem to Salt Lake. Every one on the eral is acting under orders from the cepted the office of commissioner of the train is reported well and fairly com- White House. general land office at the urgent solicitation of President Roosevelt and of Secretary Garfield, who knew personally his sterling character and exceptional ability. He did not seek that office. He accepted his present position only upon the carnest solicitation of the President. He did not seek it. It meant nothing to him

minimum temperature tonight about twenty-five degrees.